



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5755

by Rep. Kelly M. Cassidy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/11-4.1

from Ch. 46, par. 11-4.1

Amends the Election Code. Provides that every school board shall offer to the appropriate officer or board having responsibility for providing polling places for elections the use of any and all buildings under its jurisdiction for any and all elections to be held, if so requested by such appropriate officer or board. Provides that, for the day of the election, a school district is encouraged to (i) close the school or (ii) hold a teachers institute on that day with students not in attendance.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section
5 11-4.1 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/11-4.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-4.1)
7 Sec. 11-4.1.

8 (a) Every school board shall offer to the appropriate
9 officer or board having responsibility for providing polling
10 places for elections the use of any and all buildings under its
11 jurisdiction for any and all elections to be held, if so
12 requested by such appropriate officer or board. ~~In appointing~~
13 ~~polling places under this Article, the county board or board of~~
14 ~~election commissioners shall, insofar as they are convenient~~
15 ~~and available, use schools and other public buildings as~~
16 ~~polling places.~~

17 (b) Upon request of the county board or board of election
18 commissioners, the proper agency of government (including
19 school districts and units of local government) shall make a
20 public building under its control available for use as a
21 polling place on an election day and for a reasonably necessary
22 time before and after election day, without charge. If the
23 county board or board of election commissioners chooses a

1 school to be a polling place, then the school district must
2 make the school available for use as a polling place. However,
3 for the day of the election, a school district is encouraged to
4 (i) close the school or (ii) hold a teachers institute on that
5 day with students not in attendance ~~may choose to (i) keep the~~
6 ~~school open or (ii) hold a teachers institute on that day.~~

7 (c) A government agency which makes a public building under
8 its control available for use as a polling place shall ensure
9 the portion of the building to be used as the polling place is
10 accessible to handicapped and elderly voters.

11 (d) If a qualified elector's precinct polling place is a
12 school and the elector will be unable to enter that polling
13 place without violating Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of
14 2012 because the elector is a child sex offender as defined in
15 Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012, that elector may
16 vote by absentee ballot in accordance with Article 19 of this
17 Code or may vote early in accordance with Article 19A of this
18 Code.

19 (Source: P.A. 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)